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IN PLENARY SESSION OF THE UNGA SEPTEMBER 19, AMBASSADOR
MOYNIHAN GAVE THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF OUR ABSTENTION
IN TH VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ADMISSION OF THE
VIETNAMS:

QTE: MR. PRESIDENT, THIS IS THE FIRST OCCASION ON WHICH I
HAVE SPOKEN FROM THIS ROSTRUM SINCE YOUR ELECTION, AND I
WOULD LIKE, SIR, TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH OTHER SPEAKERS
HAVE ALSO AVAILED THEMSELVES OF BOTH TO CONGRATULATE
YOU AND, IF IT SEEMS NOT PRESUMPTUOUS, TO CONGRATULATE
THE ASSEMBLY FOR HAVING CHOSEN YOU. WE ARE MORE THAN PRIVY
TO THE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS OF WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED
IN WESTERN EUROPE AND WE ARE HONORED THAT YOU WOULD WISH,
SIR, TO CARRY ON THAT HAPPY TRADITION HERE AMONG US, WE
LESSER MORTALS.

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MR. PRESIDENT, THE RECENT ADMISSION OF THREE NEW MEMBER STATES HAS MOVED THE UNITED NATIONS STILL CLOSER TO THE GOAL OF UNIVERSALITY. THE UNITED STATES HAS WARMLY WELCOMED THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE, THE REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE, AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE TO THE UNITED NATIONS. MAY THEIR MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR PROSPERITY, HAPPINESS AND INDEPENDENCE AND TO THE WISDOM AND EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR ASSEMBLY.

LET ME ALSO EMPHASIZE, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE UNITED STATES IS READY FOR THE ADMISSION OF ALL QUALIFIED STATES NOT NOW MEMBERS OF THE U.N. AS THE GOAL OF UNIVERSALITY COMES NEARER AND NEARER, OUR HOPES FOR UNIVERSALITY INTENSIFY. UNHAPPILY, THOUGH, THERE ARE THOSE FULLY QUALIFIED WHOSE ADMISSION IS BEING DENIED FOR POLITICAL MOTIVES. "THE UNITED STATES IS NOT OPPOSED TO THE ADMISSION OF THE TWO VIETNAMESE STATES, BUT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO AGREE TO THEIR ADMISSION AS PART OF A PRACTICE OF SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS BY WHICH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS EXCLUDED. FOR THIS REASON, THE UNITED STATES HAS ABSTAINED ON THE PROPOSAL THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD AGAIN CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS OF THE TWO VIETNAMS." WE HAVE HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE USUAL PRACTICE OF DISCUSSING THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS, THAT ITEM, IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, WE DO THINK THAT THE ASSEMBLY HAS NOT ACTED WISELY PERHAPS IN DEPARTING FROM THE LONGSTANDING TRADITION THAT ONLY REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES ARE ENTITLED TO SPEAK IN PLENARY AS AGAINST APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.

NOW, MR. PRESIDENT, A FINAL REMARK. THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF ALBANIA HAS JUST EXTENDED HIS COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT OF ADMISSION OF VIETNAMAS TO INDICATE HIS STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF THE ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. AND HE CALLED ATTENTION IN HIS REMARKS TO WHAT HE JUDGES TO HAVE BEEN THE PREVIOUS PRACTICE OF THE UNITED STATES IN BLOCKING, THROUGH THE VETO, THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS. I SHOULD LIKE WITH GREAT RESPECT TO THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATE TO SUGGEST THAT HE HAS GOT HIS SUPERPOWERS MIXED UP. IT IS THE SUPERPOWER THAT STYLES ITSELF SOCIALIST THAT HAS DONE THE BLOCKING IN THE PAST. WE, THE SUPERPOWER THAT STYLES

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ITSELF NONSOCIALIST, HAVE, ALAS, NEVER EXERCISED THAT POWER UNTIL JUST MOST RECENTLY AND WITH GREAT REGRET. I WOULD CAUTION THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATE NOT TO LET OPPORTUNITIES OF THAT KIND PAST HIM BY. THEY DON'T COME EVERY DAY.

I WOULD LIKE IN GREAT SERIOUSNESS, HOWEVER, TO MAKE ONE REMARK; IT COMES ALMOST AS A CRI DE COEUR. AS WE DISCUSS THIS ISSUE, WE ARE DEALING WITH THE NATURE OF A REPRESENTATIVE

INSTITUTION. FOR ILL OR GOOD, THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER IS
PRIMARILY THE WORK, THE DRAFTING, OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYERS
VERSED IN THE REPRESENTATIVE TRADITION OF WESTERN DEMOCRACY.
NOW WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS NOT A UNIVERSAL TRADITION.
WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS PERHAPS SUBSCRIBED TO BY FEWER NATIONS TODAY
THAN IT MAY HAVE BEEN EVEN AT THAT TIME. WE RECOGNIZE THAT
FOR MANY NATIONS WHO COME TO THIS FORUM THE IDEA OF A
REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTION IN WHICH MINORITY VIEWS ARE
ACCORDED RIGHTS, IN WHICH MINORITY VIEWS ARE EXPRESSED,
IS IN A SENSE AN UNFAMILIAR IDEA, EVEN AN ALIEN IDEA,
POSSIBLY AN INTOLERABLE IDEA. THAT MAY BE THE CONDITION
DOMESTICALLY OF MANY NATIONS. BUT IT CANNOT BE THE CONDITION OF
A UNITED NATIONS THAT TRULY CARRIES OUT ITS CHARTER RE-
SPONSIBILITIES. WE ARE HERE REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONS COMMITTED
TO THE CHARTER. THE CHARTER CALLS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF
STATES WHICH ARE OTHERWISE EQUAL TO THE ADMISSION STANDARDS.
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS SURELY ONE SUCH STATE. FOUR TIMES IN
THE HISTORY OF THIS INSTITUTION, FOUR TIMES, THE SECURITY
COUNCIL BY MAJORITY VOTE HAS RECOMMENDED ITS ADMISSION.
HOWEVER, THIS LAST OCCASION, IF YOU RECALL, THE MAJORITY
DID SOMETHING WHICH IS ABHORRENT TO THE TRADITION OF RE-
PRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS. IT REFUSED EVEN TO CONSIDER THE
APPLICATION OF A NEW MEMBER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HOW
WE CONDUCT OUR RESPECTIVE INTERNAL AFFAIRS IS THE CONCERN OF
EACH INDIVIDUAL NATION AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER TO DICTATE.
YET I SAY TO YOU THE UNITED NATIONS WILL DIE IF IT DOES NOT
REMAIN REPRESENTATIVE. WE HAVE HERE A SYSTEM THAT WILL
OHLY SUCCEED IF ITS FUNDAMENTAL SPIRIT OF REPRESENTATIVENESS
IS ALLOWED ITS TRUE AND FULL PLAY. WE HAVE HERE A SYSTEM
WHICH DOES NOT REFLECT ON ANY OTHER SYSTEM BUT ONLY ON THIS
ONE. IF WE WISH THE UNITED NATIONS TO WORK, WE MUST FOLLOW
THE CHARTER WHICH ESTABLISHEDS THE WORKING PRINCIPLE OF
THE UNITED NATIONS. UNQTE.

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